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Sir:

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- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. HEI 4-20054, dated January 23, 1992;
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. HEI 4-351145, dated December 4, 1992;

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- 3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. HEI 6-30105, dated February 4, 1994; and
- 4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. HEI 11-122675, dated April 30, 1999.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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